FISCAL NOTE/CAPTION BILL

SB 3392 - HB 3513

March 19, 2004

CAPTION BILL: Fiscal note reflects amendment filed to lift bill from Senate Clerk's desk (005062).

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the creation of a rule establishing a reasonable fee for eligibility determination of the medically eligible expansion TennCare population. Lack of a permanent address does not automatically deny TennCare eligibility for someone residing in a women's shelter. Requires the TennCare Bureau to provide written information to an enrollee or applicant on how to file when the enrollee has a material change in circumstances that effects eligibility. Requires the TennCare Bureau to provide information to enrollees on phone numbers to call for assistance in redetermining eligibility. Creates a resolution division to resolve eligibility appeals before an administrative hearing. The bureau is to provide information about what forms are necessary and deadlines for filing an application.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

According to the TennCare Bureau, they are currently charging a fee to medically eligible applicants. The Bureau is moving the Resolution Division from TennCare to the Department of Human Services and needs no additional authority.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director